

Ground Operations Chalfant Re-Route (FINAL)

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1. Project Description

A. Statement of GO Activity

The construction of a new primitive route on BLM managed lands. The Project would be a reroute of an historic existing road which ran through private property and is now causing a trespass issue because of development of the private property. The new route would bypass the private property to allow OHVs access to public lands. The route is approximately 2600 feet in length by 15 feet wide. The route would be lightly graded and graveled to reduce airborne dust. The Project is in conjunction with a Restoration Project in the same area.

B. Relation of Proposed Project to OHV Recreation

Historically OHV traffic could access public land via a designated route in which a portion of that route crossed through private property. Recently, development of the property has created three issues. 1) OHVs have created several unauthorized routes on public lands to avoid the private property. 2) OHVs use public roadways to circumvent the private property. 3) OHVs trespass through the property.

The construction of the new route would allow OHVs, and other users, legal access to public lands. Moreover, the Project would reduce route proliferation, would allow the restoration of habitat and reduce airborne dust. The implementation of this Project will enhance and help sustain OHV opportunity in the area by providing a legal OHV route.

C. Describe the size of the specific Project Area(s) in acres and/or miles

The Proposed route is approximately 2600 feet in length by 16 feet wide.

D. Location and description of OHV opportunities

The Project area is located in the eastern most boundaries of the Volcanic Tableland and Fish Slough where there are hundreds of miles of semi-primitive OHV opportunities on two track and minimally maintained routes. The area is designated Limited Use and the Project will provide an important north/south as well as east/west linkage to the opportunity. Dirt bikes, ATVs and street legal vehicles all use the area for exploring, hiking, and driving for pleasure.

2. Rerouting Requirements

Rerouting

(a) Does your project involve rerouting of any roads and trails? ☒ Yes ☐ No

If response to question (a) is 'Yes', a Project timeline, conceptual drawings and site plans are required (See 'Attachments' tab at the top of the screen)

If response to question (a) is 'No', skip details related to rerouting

Additional Documentation

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1. Project Timeline (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)

Attachments:

[Timeline Chalfant Re-Route](#)

2. Conceptual Drawings and Site Plans (Required if project includes necessary rerouting)

Attachments:

[Conceptual Drawing](#)

[Site Plan](#)

3 Project-Specific Maps

4. Optional Project-Specific Application Documents

Project Cost Estimate

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APPLICANT NAME :	BLM - Bishop Field Office		
PROJECT TITLE :	Ground Operations Chalfant Re-Route (FINAL)	PROJECT NUMBER (Division use only) :	G09-01-05-G01
PROJECT TYPE :	<input type="checkbox"/> Acquisition <input type="checkbox"/> Development <input type="checkbox"/> Education & Safety <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ground Operations <input type="checkbox"/> Law Enforcement <input type="checkbox"/> Planning <input type="checkbox"/> Restoration		
PROJECT DESCRIPTION :	The construction of a new primitive route on BLM managed lands. The Project would be a reroute of an historic existing road which ran through private property and is now causing a trespass issue because of development of the private property. The new route would bypass the private property to allow OHVs access to public lands. The route is approximately 2600 feet in length by 15 feet wide. The route would be lightly graded and graveled to reduce airborne dust. The Project is in conjunction with a Restoration Project in the same area.		

	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
DIRECT EXPENSES							
Program Expenses							
1	Staff						
	Other-Recreation Planner Notes : Plan & schedule, monitor and inspect work crews.	60.000	36.000	HRS	0.00	2,160.00	2,160.00
	Other-Engineering Notes : Engineering associated with road construction	40.000	35.000	HRS	0.00	1,400.00	1,400.00
	Other-Archaeologist	20.000	24.000	HRS	0.00	480.00	480.00
	Seasonal Maintenance Worker	300.000	20.000	HRS	0.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
	Total for Staff				0.00	10,040.00	10,040.00
2	Contracts						
	Other-Inyo Forest road crew Notes : Equipment and materials for road construction.	1.000	10000.000	EA	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
3	Materials / Supplies						

Project Cost Estimate for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Qty	Rate	UOM	Grant Request	Match	Total
	Other-Signs Notes : Educational & directional signing	2.000	150.000	EA	0.00	300.00	300.00
4	Equipment Use Expenses						
5	Equipment Purchases						
6	Others						
7	Indirect Costs						
	Indirect Costs-Administrative overhead	1.000	1000.000	EA	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Total Program Expenses					10,000.00	11,340.00	21,340.00
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES					10,000.00	11,340.00	21,340.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES					10,000.00	11,340.00	21,340.00

Project Cost Summary for Grants and Cooperative Agreements Program - 2009/2010
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	Line Item	Grant Request	Match	Total	Narrative
DIRECT EXPENSES					
Program Expenses					
1	Staff	0.00	10,040.00	10,040.00	
2	Contracts	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00	
3	Materials / Supplies	0.00	300.00	300.00	
4	Equipment Use Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	
5	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	
6	Others	0.00	0.00	0.00	
7	Indirect Costs	0.00	1,000.00	1,000.00	
Total Program Expenses		10,000.00	11,340.00	21,340.00	
TOTAL DIRECT EXPENSES		10,000.00	11,340.00	21,340.00	
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Environmental Review Data Sheet (ERDS)

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ITEM 1 and ITEM 2

ITEM 1

- a. ITEM 1 - Has a CEQA Notice of Determination (NOD) been filed for the Project? ☐ Yes ☒ No
(Please select Yes or No)

ITEM 2

- b. Does the proposed Project include a request for funding for CEQA and/or NEPA document preparation prior to implementing the remaining Project Deliverables (i.e., is it a two-phased Project pursuant to Section 4970.06.1(b)) (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

ITEM 3 - Project under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378

- c. ITEM 3 - Are the proposed activities a "Project" under CEQA Guidelines Section 15378? ☒ Yes ☐ No
(Please select Yes or No)
- d. The Application is requesting funds solely for personnel and support to enforce OHV laws and ensure public safety. These activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No
- e. Other. Explain why proposed activities would not cause any physical impacts on the environment and are thus not a "Project" under CEQA. DO NOT complete ITEMS 4 – 10

ITEM 4 - Impact of this Project on Wetlands

There will be no impact on wetlands, navigable waters, and sensitive habitats and species (including threatened and endangered species because there are none present in or adjacent to the Project area.

ITEM 5 - Cumulative Impacts of this Project

There are no identified incremental or long-term negative impacts associated with implementation of the Project that would contribute to cumulative impacts in the larger project vicinity. The addition of the Project to existing and future activities and impacts would not add to, or cross a threshold of, impact that would result in a significant impact on the human environment. The Project replaces existing routes with a more sustainable route and does not add to route density.

ITEM 6 - Soil Impacts

The Project will not have a significant effect on the environment due to substantial soil erosion or the loss of topsoil because the Project is designed to avoid erosion by creating a sustainable OHV route which will be graded, on relatively flat ground and maintained to BLM road standards.

ITEM 7 - Damage to Scenic Resources

There is no potential for damage to scenic resources within the viewshed of a highway officially designated as a state scenic highway because none exist in the vicinity of the Project area. The Project is designed to conform to BLM's Land Use Plan's Visual Resource Management guidelines for the area.

ITEM 8 - Hazardous Materials

- Is the proposed Project Area located on a site included on any list compiled pursuant to Section 65962.5 of the California Government Code (hazardous materials)? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

If YES, describe the location of the hazard relative to the Project site, the level of hazard and the measures to be taken to minimize or avoid the hazards.

ITEM 9 - Potential for Adverse Impacts to Historical or Cultural Resources

Would the proposed Project have potential for any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources? (Please select Yes or No) ☐ Yes ☒ No

Discuss the potential for the proposed Project to have any substantial adverse impacts to historical or cultural resources.

No. A class III cultural survey has been conducted and there are no cultural or historic resources in the Project vicinity.

ITEM 10 - Indirect Significant Impacts

The Project will not cause indirect significant impacts, either by causing user groups to go elsewhere, causing significant impacts off-site, or significantly increasing use in the vicinity of the Project site because the Project merely replace multiple existing unauthorized motorized routes scheduled to be closed with a single sustainable motorized route.

CEQA/NEPA Attachment

Attachments:

[GO Chalfant Re-Route EA](#)
[GO Chalfant Re-Route EA Map](#)

Evaluation Criteria

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1. Project Cost Estimate - Q 1. (Auto populates from Cost Estimate)

1. As calculated on the Project Cost Estimate, the percentage of the cost of the Project covered by the Applicant is 5

(Note: This field will auto-populate once the Cost Estimate and Evaluation Criteria are Validated.) (Please select one from list)

- ☐ 76% or more (10 points)
☒ 51% - 75% (5 points)
☐ 26% - 50% (3 points)
☐ 25% (Match minimum) (No points)

2. Failure to Complete - Q 2.

2. Failure to complete the Project would result in: 8

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 8 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Loss of OHV Opportunity (6 points)
☐ Negative impact to cultural sites (2 points)
☐ Damage to special-status species or other sensitive habitat (2 points)
☒ Potential trespass (2 points)
☐ Additional damage to Facilities (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

Historically OHV traffic could access public land via a designated route in which a portion of that route crossed through private property. Recently, development of the property has hindered access which has produced three problems. 1) OHVs have created several unauthorized routes on public lands to avoid the private property. 2) OHVs use public roadways to circumvent the private property. 3) OHVs trespass through the private property. OHV use is limited to designated routes (Bishop RMP 1993). Private property owners do not want OHVs trespassing on their property.

The construction of the new route would allow OHVs, and other users, legal access to public lands. Moreover, the Project would reduce route proliferation, would allow the restoration of habitat and reduce airborne dust. The implementation of this Project will enhance and help sustain OHV opportunity in the area by providing a legal OHV route.

3. Sustain OHV Opportunity - Q 3.

3. The Project would sustain OHV Opportunity by 8

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Maintaining trail or road tread (5 points)
☐ Installing or repairing erosion control features (3 points)
☒ Providing traffic control and/or educational signage (3 points)
☐ Maintaining multi use (ATV, Dirt Bikes, 4x4, etc) (1 point)
☐ Providing varied levels of riding difficulty (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

The new route will be graveled and maintained by BLM to reduce dust. Additionally, the route will have directional and educational signing to keep the public on the designated route and the old route through the private property will be closed, barricaded and signed.

4. Public Input - Q 4.

4. The Project was developed with public input employing the following 2

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 2 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Publicly noticed meeting(s) with the general public to discuss Project (1 point)
☐ Conference call(s) with interested parties (1 point)
☒ Meeting(s) with stakeholders (1 point)

Explain each statement that was checked

A public meeting to discuss the proposed project was held January 6, 2010. Stakeholders included the county supervisor, CHP, county deputy sheriff, land owners adjacent to the project and interested citizens. A subsequent public field trip on January 23, 2010 was held with various stakeholder user groups. (Motorized, equestrian, hiking and private land owners affected by the Project)

5. Utilization of Partnerships - Q 5.

5. The Project will utilize partnerships to successfully accomplish the Project. The number of partner organizations that will participate in the Project are 4

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

- ☒ 4 or more (4 points) ☐ 2 to 3 (2 points)
☐ 1 (1 point) ☐ None (No points)

List partner organization(s):

Chalfant Public Land Stewardship, Friends of the Inyo, Central California Resource Advisory Committee, California Native Plant Society.

6. Impact to Natural and Cultural Resources - Q 6.

6. The Project will avoid and/or minimize impact to natural and cultural resources by 1

(Check all that apply) : Maximum of 7 points (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Maintaining physical barriers to control OHV use (1 point)
☐ Protecting water quality (1 point)
☐ Providing bridges instead of wet crossings where appropriate (1 point)
☐ Protecting special-status species (1 point)
☐ Re-routing trails to divert away from riparian/wetlands areas (1 point)
☐ Providing sanitary facilities (1 point)
☐ Protecting cultural site(s) (1 point)
☐ Site design precludes the need for the above measures (7 points)

Explain each statement that was checked

The project is in conjunction with a restoration project. Several decommissioned routes will be barricaded against OHV incursion.

7. Recycled Materials - Q 7.

7. The Project incorporates recycled materials by utilizing 1

(Check all that apply) (Please select applicable values)

- ☒ Barrier materials which include recycled content or materials obtained onsite (1 point)
☐ Signs, sign posts or education kiosks which use products with recycled content (1 point)
☐ Erosion control features which use materials with recycled content (1 point)
☐ Paper used for trail maps which includes recycled content (1 point)

☐ Other products with recycled content (Specify) (1 point)

8. Sustainable Technologies - Q 8.

8. The Project makes substantial use of sustainable technologies such as 0

- Alternative fuel vehicles and equipment
- Renewable energy sources (e.g., solar, wind)
- Low volatile organic compound emission materials (e.g., paint, sealants, carpet)
- Low flow plumbing fixtures
- Water efficient landscaping

(Check the one most appropriate) (Please select one from list)

☒ No (No points)

☐ Yes (4 points)

Explain 'Yes' response

9. Motorized Access - Q 9.

9. The Project improves and/or maintains facilities that provide motorized access to the following non-motorized recreation opportunities 6

(Check all that apply) Scoring: 2 points each, up to a maximum of 6 points (Please select applicable values)

☒ Camping

☒ Birding

☒ Hiking

☒ Equestrian trails

☐ Fishing

☒ Rock Climbing

☐ Other (Specify)